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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-47 are presented for examination.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

2. The information disclosure statements filed on May 18, 2004, complies with the provisions of MPEP § 609. They have been placed in the application file, and the information referred to therein has been considered as to the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cariffe, Patent Number: US 7,106,186 B2 filed April 12, 2005 priority to application 10/066,225 filed January 29, 2002).
5. Regarding Claims 1, 30, and 47, Cariffe teaches a system and method for configuring a printing device for physical environment.

providing at least a first physical object (col. 2, line 41, 'physical environment 22, col. 2, lines 51 and 52, '...the physical environment may be a meeting room...'), the first physical object includes at least one characteristic (col. 2, line 57, 'a threshold physical proximity 26...'), the first physical object has role information (col. 2, lines 40 and 41, '...printing device 12 that may be moved from a position...', col. 2, lines 60-62, 'As shown, threshold physical proximity 26 may vary with direction from the device...') associated therewith, and the characteristic is indicative of at least a first role associated with the first physical object (col. 2, lines 37-51); placing the first physical object in a physical relationship with a first computing device (col. 2, line 55, 'source device 16'); the first computing device with the first physical object (col. 2, lines 55-58)' receiving by the first computing device, the role information from the first physical object (col. 2, lines 55-67); and responsive to the role information being received, assigning the first role to the first computing device based on the role information (col. 3, lines 41-50).

6. Regarding Claim 2, the limitations of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Cariffe teaches a communications adapter (figures 2 and 3).

7. Regarding Claim 3, the limitations of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Cariffe teaches wireless communications (col. 4, line 4, line 21).

8. Regarding Claim 4, the limitations of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Cariffe teaches at least one of a universal serial adapter (col. 4, lines 18-33).

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9. Regarding Claim 5, 7, 11, 13, 16, 17, and 25-29, the limitations of these claims have been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. They are therefore rejected as set forth above.

10. Regarding Claim 6, Cariffe teaches at least one characteristic includes visible markings (col. 2, line 52).

11. Regarding Claim 8, the limitations of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Cariffe teaches a given distance (col. 2, lines 57).

12. Regarding Claim 9, the limitations of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Cariffe teaches a container (figure 2).

13. Regarding Claim 10, the limitations of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Cariffe teaches the means which would essentially comprise the same means as a shelving unit (figure 2).

14. Regarding Claim 12, the limitations of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Cariffe teaches the role information is stored in a data storage unit (col. 3, line 29).

15. Regarding Claim 14, the limitations of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Cariffe teaches configuration files (col. 3, lines 28-40).

16. Regarding Claim 15, the limitations of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Cariffe teaches one or more software programs (col. 3, lines 28-40).

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17. Regarding Claims 18 and 19, the limitations of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Cariffe teaches removing the role means (col. 3, lines 41-60).

18. Regarding Claim 20, the limitations of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Cariffe teaches competing the unit work means (col. 3, lines 41-60).

19. Regarding Claim 21, the limitations of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Cariffe teaches passing at least one unit of work means (col. 3, lines 41-60).

20. Regarding Claims 22-24, the limitations of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Cariffe teaches seniority level means (col. 4, lines 1-11).

21. Regarding Claims 31-46, the limitations of these claims have been noted in the rejections presented above. They are therefore rejected as set forth above.

NAME OF CONTACT

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cottingham can be reached on (571) 272-7079. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

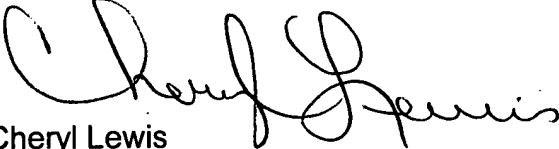
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